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## Middle East conflicts revive clash between the president and Congress over war powers

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 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major deadline under the half-century-old War Powers Resolution came this week for President Joe Biden to obtain Congress' approval to keep waging his military campaign against Yemen's Houthis, in line with its sole authority under the U.S. Constitution to declare war and otherwise authorize military force.

Came, and went, in public silence — even from Senate Democrats frustrated by the Biden administration's blowing past some of the checkpoints that would give Congress more of a say in the United States' deepening military engagement in the Middle East conflicts.



Houthi supporters attend a rally in the Gaza Strip, in Sanaa, Yemen, March 8, 2024.

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The Biden administration contends that nothing in the War Powers Resolution, or other deadlines, directives and laws, requires it to change its military support for Israel's five-month-old war in Gaza, or two months of U.S. military strikes on the Houthis, or to submit to greater congressional oversight or control.

That's left some frustrated Senate Democrats calibrating how far to go in confronting a president of their own party over his military authority.

Democrats are wary of undercutting Biden as he faces a difficult reelection campaign. Their ability to act is limited by their control of only one chamber, the Senate, where some Democrats — and many Republicans — back Biden's military actions in the Middle East.

While Biden's approach gives him more leeway in how he conducts U.S. military engagement since Hamas' Oct. 7 attacks, it risks making any crisis deeper if things go badly wrong.

James A. Siebens, leader of the Defense Strategy and Planning project at the Stimson Center in Washington, called it a "latent constitutional crisis."

The Middle East conflicts have revived what's been a long-running clash between presidents, who are the commanders in chief, and Congress, which holds the authority to stop and start wars, or lesser uses of military force, and controls their funding.

U.S. and British warships, planes and drones opened attacks on Houthi targets in Yemen on Jan. 11. Hundreds of U.S. strikes have followed. The U.S. strikes are aimed at knocking back what has been a surge of attacks by the Iran-backed Houthis, a clan-based movement that has seized control of much of northern Yemen, on international shipping in the Red Sea since the Israel-Hamas war began.



President Joe Biden speaks at an event March 13, 2024, in Milwaukee.

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Biden formally notified Congress the next day. The administration took pains to frame the U.S. military campaign as defensive actions and not as "hostilities" that fall under the War Powers Resolution.

The resolution gives presidents 60 days after notifying Congress they've sent U.S. forces into armed conflict either to obtain its approval to keep fighting, or to pull out U.S. troops. That deadline was Tuesday.

The White House continues to insist that the military actions are to defend U.S. forces and do not fall under the resolution's 60-day provision.

Congress pushed through the War Powers Resolution over presidential veto in 1973, moving forcefully to reclaim its authority over U.S. wars abroad as President Richard Nixon expanded the Vietnam War. Since then, presidents have often argued that U.S. involvement in conflicts doesn't amount to "hostili-

ties" or otherwise fall under the resolution. If lawmakers disapprove, their options include pressuring the executive branch to seek an authorization of military force, trying to get Congress at large to formally order the president to withdraw, withholding funding or stepping up congressional oversight. For Yemen, Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy is looking at introducing legislation within weeks that would authorize the U.S. campaign against the Houthis under set limits on the time, geographical range and scope. The plan has not been previously reported. Murphy and other Democrats in Congress have expressed concern about the effectiveness of the U.S. attacks on the Houthis, the risk of further regional escalation and the lack of clarity on the administration's end game. They've asked why the administration sees it as the U.S. military's mission to protect a global shipping route.

"This is 'hostilities'." There's no congressional authorization for them," Sen. Tim Kaine, a Virginia Democrat, told a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee hearing on obtaining congressional authorization for the U.S. strikes on the Houthis. "And it's not even close." Asked this week what happens now that the 60 days are up, Kaine said it would be premature for Congress to consider authorizing the U.S. action against the Houthis without understanding the strategy. Idaho Sen. James Risch, the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, had no such doubts.

"I believe that the president has all the power that he needs under the Constitution to do what he's doing in Yemen," Risch said this week.

But it's Gaza, and the soaring death toll among Palestinian civilians, that has stirred the most protests from Congress. The Israel-

Hamas war also has a far higher profile in U.S. domestic politics. While many Americans are dead-set against any cut in military support to Israel, a growing number of Democrats have begun withholding votes from Biden in state presidential primaries to demand more U.S. action for Gaza's trapped people. Some in Congress were frustrated early in the war that the administration bypassed congressional review to rush additional military aid to Israel, by declaring a national security emergency.

A presidential order negotiated with Senate Democrats requires Israel to certify in writing by March 25 that it will abide by international law when using U.S. weapons in Gaza and will not impede humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians — or face a possible cut in U.S. military aid.

The United Nations has said Israeli restrictions are keeping many aid trucks from getting into Gaza. The U.S. this month began air drops and work on a sea route to get more food and other vital goods into the territory. Some in Congress are pushing the administration to cut the military aid now, under existing federal law requiring countries that get U.S. military support to use it in compliance with international law, including by allowing humanitarian access to civilians in conflicts. A group of Senate Democrats and independent Sen. Bernie Sanders wrote Biden this week that it was already plain that Israel was obstructing humanitarian aid to Gaza. They urged him to cut military aid immediately, absent a turnaround by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, under existing laws on U.S. foreign assistance.

"I'm still flabbergasted" that the administration hasn't acted, Maryland Democrat Chris Van Hollen, one of the senators pushing hardest on the point, said. □

## Former Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin says he's putting together investor group to buy TikTok

By **HALELUYA HADERO** and  
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**Associated Press**

Former Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Thursday that he will put together an investor group to buy TikTok after the House passed a bill that would ban the popular video app in the U.S. if its China-based owner does not sell its stake.

During an interview on CNBC's "Squawk Box," Mnuchin, who served under President Donald Trump, said he had spoken "to a bunch of people" about creating an investor group that would purchase the popular social media company. He offered no details about who may be in the group or about TikTok's possible valuation.

"This should be owned by U.S. businesses," Mnuchin said. "There's no way that the Chinese would ever let a U.S. company own something like this in China." TikTok did not respond to a request for comment.

The House bill, passed by a vote of 352-65, now goes to the Senate, where its prospects are unclear. Lawmakers in the Senate have indicated that the measure



Former Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin speaks with reporters outside the White House, March 29, 2020, in Washington.

will undergo a thorough review. If it passes in the Senate, President Joe Biden has said he will sign it. House lawmakers acted on concern that TikTok's current ownership structure is a national security threat. Lawmakers from both parties and administration officials have voiced concerns that TikTok's parent company, ByteDance, could

be compelled by Chinese authorities to hand over data on American users, spread pro-Beijing propaganda or suppress topics unfavorable to the Chinese government. TikTok, for its part, has long denied that it could be used as a tool of Chinese authorities. The company insists it has never shared U.S. user data with the Chinese government

and will not do so if asked. To date, the U.S. government also has not provided evidence that shows TikTok shared such information with authorities in China. Asked whether the Mnuchin consortium could assuage national security concerns about TikTok, White House national security spokesman John Kirby said the administration was focused

on providing "context and information" to the Senate. The fight over the platform takes place as U.S.-China relations have shifted into strategic rivalry, especially in areas such as advanced technology and data security, seen as essential to each country's economic prowess and national security.

If passed and signed into law, the House bill would give ByteDance 180 days to sell the platform to a buyer that satisfies the U.S. government. It would also bar ByteDance from controlling TikTok's algorithm, which feeds users videos based off their preferences. In addition to Mnuchin, some other investors, including "Shark Tank" star Kevin O'Leary, have voiced interest in buying TikTok's U.S. business. But experts have said it could be challenging for ByteDance to sell the platform to a buyer who could afford it in a few months.

Big tech companies are best positioned to make such a purchase, but they would likely face intense scrutiny from antitrust regulators, which Mnuchin emphasized. □

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## U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents roll out body cameras to agents in five cities

By **REBECCA SANTANA**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in five cities will start wearing body-worn cameras as they interact with the public under a new policy announced Wednesday. Acting ICE Director Patrick J. Lechleitner said the agency has 1,600 body-worn cameras that will be furnished to agents and officers in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Buffalo and Detroit.

"This is also an important step to further build public trust and confidence in our dedicated and profes-

sional law enforcement officials," Lechleitner said. The move is part of efforts rolled out by President Biden in 2022 to require federal law enforcement officers who are out in the public to wear the cameras to increase transparency and trust in law enforcement.

ICE is made up of two law enforcement arms: Homeland Security Investigations special agents who investigate transnational crime and Enforcement and Removal Operations officers who arrest and remove people determined not to have the right to stay in America.

ICE conducted a six-month pilot program with HSI agents in New York, Newark, El Paso and Houston and another pilot program with ERO deportation officers in Atlanta, Indianapolis and Salt Lake City, Lechleitner said.

The goal is to eventually expand the body cameras nationwide, but Lechleitner said to expand beyond the initial five cities the agency would need more funding from Congress.

"Right now, we can't do more than those cities," he said.

The agency in January laid out policies detailing when body-worn cameras would

be used, including executing pre-planned arrest warrants, executing a removal

order, or responding to violent disturbances at ICE facilities. □



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Acting Deputy Director Patrick Lechleitner, listens during a news conference at the Department of Justice in Washington, Sept. 13, 2022.

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# A CDC team joins the response to 8 measles cases in a Chicago shelter for migrants

By **KATHLEEN FOODY**

**Associated Press**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Eight people living at a Chicago shelter for migrants have tested positive for measles since last week, prompting the arrival of a team with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to guide city and state officials' response to the infections, including vaccination efforts.

Ten infections total have been reported in the city since Thursday, which the Chicago Department of Public Health said was the first instance of measles detected locally since 2019. Two of the cases — an adult and a child — were not shelter residents.

Measles is a contagious virus still common in many countries outside the U.S. Cases in the U.S. originate from international travelers most often Americans who have not been vaccinated, according to the CDC. The city on Friday publicly reported the first case at the shelter housing around 1,900 people. The other



People hang around outside of a migrant shelter Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago.

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cases at the former warehouse in the city's Pilsen neighborhood quickly followed, including three confirmed Tuesday and one Wednesday.

The department said those infected include 5 children and 4 adults. Nearly 900

residents have received vaccines since Thursday night, officials said.

The vaccine against measles is not recommended during pregnancy or for children younger than 1.

"We haven't seen cases of new arrivals coming with

measles," the city's public health Commissioner Dr. Olusimbo Ige said Wednesday. "Measles cases were acquired here. And so, we have been working very hard, taking our responsibility to safeguard the health of the new arrivals serious-

ly."

The cluster within the city-run shelter highlighted Chicago's multi-layered struggle to respond to the arrival of nearly 37,000 migrants since 2022 when Texas Gov. Greg Abbott began sending buses to so-called sanctuary cities.

Chicago initially used police stations and airports as officials searched for other temporary shelters. On Tuesday, a city dashboard showed more than 11,000 people remain in city-run shelters.

Providing medical care has been part of that effort; from vaccinations to treatment of conditions developed during exhausting journeys to reach the U.S. border with Mexico.

Many migrants who land in Chicago come from Venezuela where a social, political and economic crisis has pushed millions into poverty. The situation along with doctor and drug shortages has affected the availability and affordability of routine care, as well as trust in medical institutions. □

# Duty, Honor, Outrage: Change to West Point's mission statement sparks controversy

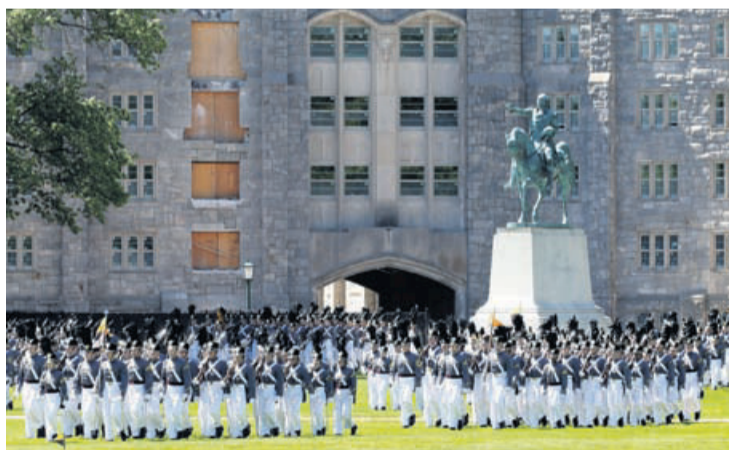
**WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP)** —

"Duty, Honor, Country" has been the motto of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point since 1898. That motto isn't changing, but a decision to take those words out of the school's lesser-known mission statement is still generating outrage.

Officials at the 222-year-old military academy 60 miles (96 kilometers) north of New York City recently reworked the one-sentence mission statement, which is updated periodically, usually with little fanfare.

The school's "Duty, Honor, Country," motto first made its way into that mission statement in 1998.

The new version declares that the academy's mission is "To build, educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets to be commis-



In this May 22, 2019 photo members of the senior class march past a statue of George Washington during Parade Day at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. "Duty, Honor, Country" has been the motto of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point since 1898.

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sioned leaders of character committed to the Army Values and ready for a lifetime of service to the Army and Nation."

"As we have done nine times in the past century,

we have updated our mission statement to now include the Army Values," academy spokesperson Col. Terence Kelley said Thursday. Those values spelled out in other docu-

ments are loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage, he said.

Still, some people saw the change in wording as nefarious.

"West Point is going woke. We're watching the slow death of our country," conservative radio host Jeff Kuhner complained in a post on the social media platform X.

Rachel Campos-Duffy, co-host of the Fox network's "Fox & Friends Weekend," wrote on the platform that West Point has gone "full globalist" and is "purposefully tanking recruitment of young Americans patriots to make room for the illegal mercenaries."

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Steve Gilland said in a statement that "Duty,

Honor, Country is foundational to the United States Military Academy's culture and will always remain our motto."

"It defines who we are as an institution and as graduates of West Point," he said.

"These three hallowed words are the hallmark of the cadet experience and bind the Long Gray Line together across our great history," Kelley said the motto is carved in granite over the entrance to buildings, adorns cadets' uniforms and is used as a greeting by plebes, as West Point freshmen are called, to upper-class cadets.

The mission statement is less ubiquitous, he said, though plebes are required to memorize it and it appears in the cadet handbook "Bugle Notes." □

## Palestinian leader appoints longtime adviser as prime minister in

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)**

— Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has appointed his longtime economic adviser to be the next prime minister in the face of U.S. pressure to reform the Palestinian Authority as part of Washington's postwar vision for Gaza. Mohammad Mustafa, a U.S.-educated economist and political independent, will head a technocratic government in the Israeli-occupied West Bank that could potentially administer Gaza ahead of eventual statehood. But those plans face major obstacles, including strong opposition from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and the Israel-Hamas war that is still grinding on with no end in sight.

It's unclear whether the appointment of a new Cabinet led by a close Abbas ally would be sufficient to meet U.S. demands for reform, as the 88-year-old president would remain in overall control.

"The change that the United States of America and the countries of the region want is not necessarily the change that the Palestinian citizen wants," said Hani al-Masri, a Palestinian political analyst. "People want a real change in politics, not a change in names ... They want elections."

He said Mustafa is "a re-



**Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, left, looks at Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as he speaks to the media during a joint press conference at the Presidential palace in Ankara, Tuesday, March 5, 2024.**

spected and educated man" but will struggle to meet public demands to improve conditions in the occupied West Bank, where Israeli restrictions imposed since the start of the war have caused an economic crisis.

In a statement announcing the appointment, Abbas asked Mustafa to put together plans to re-unify administration in the West Bank and Gaza, lead reforms in the government, security services and economy and fight corruption.

Mustafa was born in the

West Bank town of Tulkerem in 1954 and earned a doctorate in business administration and economics from George Washington University. He has held senior positions at the World Bank and previously served as deputy prime minister and economy minister. He is currently the chairman of the Palestine Investment Fund.

The previous prime minister, Mohammad Shtayeh, resigned along with his government last month, saying different arrangements were needed because

of the "new reality in the Gaza Strip."

The Palestinian Authority was established in the 1990s through interim peace agreements and was envisioned as a stepping-stone to eventual statehood.

But the peace talks repeatedly collapsed, most recently with Netanyahu's return to power in 2009. Hamas seized power in Gaza from forces loyal to Abbas in 2007, confining his limited authority to major population centers that account for around 40% of the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Abbas is deeply unpopular among Palestinians, many of whom view the PA as little more than a subcontractor of the occupation because it cooperates with Israel on security matters. His mandate ended in 2009 but he has refused to hold elections, blaming Israeli restrictions. Hamas won a landslide victory in the last parliamentary elections, in 2006. Although it is considered a terrorist group by Israel and Western countries, Hamas would likely perform well in any free and fair vote.

Abbas, unlike his Hamas rivals, recognizes Israel, has renounced armed struggle and is committed to a negotiated solution that would create an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. That goal is shared by the international community.

Israel has long criticized the PA over payments it makes to the families of Palestinians who have been killed or imprisoned by Israel, including top militants who killed Israelis. The PA defends such payments as a form of social welfare for families harmed by the decades-old conflict.

The dispute has led Israel to suspend some of the taxes and customs duties it collects on behalf of the PA, contributing to years of budget shortfalls. □

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## A plane carrying the UK defense minister had its GPS jammed as it flew near Russian territory

**By JILL LAWLESS**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — A plane carrying British Defense Secretary Grant Shapps had its satellite signal jammed as it flew near Russian territory, the government said Thursday. The government said the Royal Air Force jet carrying Shapps, officials and journalists "temporarily experienced GPS jamming when they flew close to Kaliningrad" on a flight from Poland to the U.K.

The Times of London, whose reporter was onboard, said

that for about 30 minutes mobile phones couldn't connect to the internet and the aircraft was forced to use alternative methods to determine its location. Shapps visited Poland on Wednesday to see U.K. troops participating in a large NATO exercise, Steadfast Defender. Kaliningrad is a Russian enclave bordered by Poland and Lithuania, home to the Russian Navy's Baltic Fleet.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesman, Dave Pares, said "the jamming didn't threaten the safety of the

aircraft at any point." He said it was not unusual for aircraft to experience electronic jamming near Kaliningrad.

Western officials say Russia has significant electronic warfare capabilities based in Kaliningrad.

Since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russia has engaged in GPS jamming in areas from Finland to the Black Sea.

A regional Finnish carrier had to cancel flights on one route for a week as a result. □



**Britain's Defence Secretary Grant Shapps arrives in Downing Street for a cabinet meeting in London, on March 6, 2024.**

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## A plan to find new leadership for Haiti is moving forward, Caribbean officials say

By **BERT WILKINSON AND PIERRE-RICHARD LUXAMA**  
Associated Press

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— A plan to create a transitional presidential council is moving forward after a majority of Haitian parties and coalitions submitted the names of those charged with finding new leaders for the country, Caribbean officials said Thursday.

The names were provided to a regional trade bloc known as Caricom that is helping lead the transition.

“It is all up now to the Haitians as they are the ones who want a Haitian-led solution,” Surinamese Foreign Minister Albert Ramdin told The Associated Press. “It is for them to pick up the ball and run with it, being responsible for their own destiny.”

He spoke a day after Haitian politicians and influential figures bickered publicly about the plan and what names to submit, seemingly putting creation of the council at risk.

Caribbean leaders had announced plans to create the council after meeting in Jamaica Monday behind closed doors with officials including U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Shortly after the meeting, Prime Minister Ariel Henry



**A resident walks past a National Police officer guarding the empty National Penitentiary after a small fire inside the jail in downtown Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday, March 14, 2024.**

Associated Press

pledged to resign once the council is created.

The council will be responsible for choosing an interim prime minister and a council of ministers, as well as help organize general elections, which haven't been held in nearly a decade.

“We hope this is a breakthrough for Haiti,” Ramdin said.

He said Caricom officials met Wednesday night for an update on the situation. The names haven't been

made public, although a senior Caribbean official not authorized to speak to the media told the AP that the Dec. 21 Agreement group, which backs the current prime minister, has not submitted a name.

In addition, Jean-Charles Moïse, who leads the Petit Desalin party and has allied with former rebel leader and convicted money launderer Guy Philippe, announced Wednesday that his party would not join the council despite being of-

fered a voting position.

The others awarded a spot on the council are EDE/RED, a party led by former Prime Minister Claude Joseph; the Montana Accord, a group of civil society leaders, political parties and others; Fanmi Lavalas, Aristide's party; the Jan. 30 Collective, which represents parties including that of former President Michel Martelly; and the private sector. The remaining two nonvoting positions would go to a member from Hai-

ti's civil society and its religious sector.

It wasn't immediately clear what would happen to the position rejected by Moïse and his party.

The push to create a council comes as Haiti's capital and other areas become increasingly overrun by powerful gangs that control around 80% of Port-au-Prince.

On Feb. 29, gunmen launched a series of attacks on key state institutions, including police stations, the main international airport and Haiti's two biggest prisons, where more than 4,000 inmates were freed. Scores of people have died in the attacks, and more than 15,000 people have been left homeless.

The violence has somewhat subsided, although a fire was reported Thursday at the National Penitentiary in downtown Port-au-Prince, one of two prisons attacked more than a week ago. It wasn't immediately clear if anyone was injured or killed in the blaze or how it started.

Henry, the prime minister, was in Kenya when the attacks began to try and secure a U.N.-backed deployment of a police force from the East African country. □

## Nigerian leader rules out ransoms for abducted students as observers urge dialogue



**Children run in celebration after a false alarm that kidnapped LEA Primary and Secondary School students of Kuriga had been released in Kaduna state, Nigeria, Saturday, March 9, 2024.**

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By **CHINEDU ASADU**

Associated Press

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)** — Nigeria's leader has ruled out the payment of ransoms for nearly 300 schoolchildren abducted from their school in the conflict-hit north a week ago, raising questions from analysts on Thursday about how best to rescue the children without hurting them.

Meanwhile, at least two people with extensive knowledge of the security crisis in Nigeria's northwest told The Associated Press the abductors of the schoolchildren in the state of Kaduna are known and are hiding in the vast ungoverned and unoccupied forests of the region. They both urged the government to engage in dialogue with the armed groups to resolve the protracted conflict.

At least 1,400 students have so far been kidnapped from Nigerian schools since the first major school abduction in Borno state's Chibok village in 2014 stunned the world. Most of those eventually released only regained their freedom after ransom payments, according to their schools and parents, even though the Nigerian government does not admit to paying ransoms.

On Wednesday, Nigeria's information minister Mohammed Idris told reporters that President Bola Tinubu directed security agencies to urgently rescue the schoolchildren and “in the process to ensure that not a dime is paid for ransom.” □

## Did you know about... Basic driving rules on Aruba (part 2)

(Oranjestad)—In Yesterday’s issue, we’ve provided some basic rules when driving on the four-lane highways and roundabouts on the island. Today, we want to offer you more tips and tricks when it comes to driving on the roads and highways of Aruba.

### Speed limit in certain areas

As mentioned in yesterday’s issue, the legal minimum and maximum speed limit on the island is 50 and 80 km/h respectively. However,

there are some areas where it is mandated to drive up to a certain speed. This is always indicated by a circular traffic sign with red border and the number 50 on it. Signs like these are always paired by a similar sign with the number crossed out further down the road. This means that the mandate for this speed is now over; you may increase your velocity. Red borders on traffic sign—whether it’s a circle or triangle—usually signal a warning, prohibition or preference.

Besides the “50” sign, you may also encounter a traffic sign that says “bebouwde kom”. These can be found in San Nicolas and Oranjestad. Bebouwde kom signs are rectangular and blue, and essentially tell you that you are in a heavily inhabited area. The maximum speed limit in a bebouwde kom is 50 km/h. Just like the previous pair, bebouwde kom signs are also paired with a similar sign crossed out.

### Priority signs

On the main roads of Aruba (not the highways), you may see a yellow, squared sign with a white border. This sign tells you that on this road, you have priority and all other traffic should yield to you. This sign can be seen in Savaneta for example. So, if you are driving on the main road in Savaneta going to San Nicolas, you are driving on a single long road, and other cars that want to get on this main road or cross it, either from an intersection or from a dirt road, must all wait until traffic on the main road is clear. In other words, you do not have to stop for them. This sign too has a counter part that indicates that your priority is over.

Another priority sign you may encounter is a triangle sign with a red border and something that looks like a cross. You’ll see this sign in an intersection. The general rule of thumb for crossing an intersection that do not contain traffic lights, roundabouts, sign or arrows on the road, is to always yield for traffic on your right. However, if you encounter this sign on your side of the intersection, you have priority over the other cars, even the one on your right.

However, be careful not to confuse this sign with a similar up-side down triangle, also found on intersections. This sign is a prohibition sign, telling you that you have to stop and give other cars priority. Of course you also have a “stop” sign that mean the same thing. The stop sign is generally used for tricky intersections with minimal view of opposite incoming traffic.

These are some of the basic rules that you would have to know if you decide to drive on the island. These are of course other traffic signs, and we recommend you visit [aruba-travelguide.com](http://aruba-travelguide.com) for an extensive overview of all traffic signs used on Aruba. □

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## Planning on snorkeling? Get to know our “Dorado”

(Oranjestad)—If you’re ever planning on snorkeling during your vacation on Aruba, you may spot fish that you can’t recognize. One of these may be the “Dorado”, a common fish that swims all year long in the waters of Aruba. Here’s some information about the beloved Dorado.

Dorado has many different names it can be referred to. Dral, Dorao, Drals, Dra-do, are some of them in Papiamentu. In English, it is also called Mahi Mahi, Dolphinfish, or Dorado. It’s a good example to reflect on why there can be many names. The same fish becomes known by different common names, why? Common names come only when a group of people, to understand each other, assign a name



to a fish. Mahi Mahi, for example, comes from Hawaii and means “very strong”. Dorado is based on Spanish and refers to the golden yellow color that the fish shines with under the sun. Why it’s called Dolphinfish in English is not well defined and while there are several stories around this, none have been confirmed.

Dorado is found in all tropical to subtropical oceans around the world. Dorado is very popular both for recreational fishing and for consumption. It is known among fishermen as an exciting catch and a fish that puts up a good fight. Its meat is very good for consumption and it is also

commercially fished for that reason.

They grow very fast, up to 2.7 inches (almost 7 cm) per week. They can live up to a maximum of 5 years although very few reach that age. Most become adults within 1 year but many become reproductive after just 5 or 6 months and reproduce very quickly too. They live in open water on the surface most of the time. Many fish seek them around sushi lines or floating objects on the sea. Often you will find a group landing together and if you keep a male on the line, often the others will stay close or can keep the group interested by giving shrimp or squid.

body. It has a large tail and its long, flat body ends in a large blunt head. Its color of yellow and green or blue makes it immediately recognizable, even with small variations in these colors.

Dorado has clear differences between adult females and males. The male is larger and can easily reach 50 to 80 pounds and has a much flatter head compared to the female. Therefore, male Dorados are also called “bull Dorado”.

Dorado can be found in our waters around the island all year round, but there are periods when it is easier to find than others. □

**Source: The Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (Santa Rosa).**

### Description:

Dorado has a distinctive

## Why You Should Not Miss Aruba’s Free City Center Street Car Tour

**ORANJESTAD - Aruba’s City Center Street Car - or as we call it in Dutch; “Tram van Oranjestad” - is a single track tram line in Oranjestad, the capital city of Aruba. It was inaugurated on 22 December 2012, being the first and so far the only passenger rail service on Aruba and the rest of the Dutch Caribbean. There are two trolleys, a single-deck one with 42 seats and a double-decker with 64 seats. The line was inspired by the popular battery-powered streetcar operation at the Grove in Los Angeles, USA. Aruba’s streetcars are powered by hydrogen fuel cells, which are charged by the island’s year-round trade winds.**

Caya Betico Croes, mostly referred to as our “main street” has been developed into a pollution-free pedestrian mall. The double-decker offers you a 360 degree view of the down town area with a picture perfect scenery of the island’s clear blue skies. Who would not enjoy a ride on this beautiful

and naturally air-conditioned vehicle? The tour consists of a total of 9 stops approximately 200 meters apart from each other; all stops are clearly marked. The tram will bring you close to different museums, historical plazas, monuments, the Protestant church, Aruba’s high-end mall, retail shops, and a variety of local and international cuisine restaurants. The “I love Aruba” trademark also belongs to that list. The third stop on the route is close to a 5-minute walk to the famous Renaissance Marina showcasing luxurious yachts and Aruba’s blue waters.

The “Tram van Oranjestad” starts from a balloon loop near the Port of Call and serves the downtown area and ends at Plaza Nicky. The first ride starts at 10:00 am sharp with intervals of 25minutes. The last trolley departs from the cruise port at 5:00pm. Don’t miss this tour of the beautiful Aruba’s City Center—it is free for all! □





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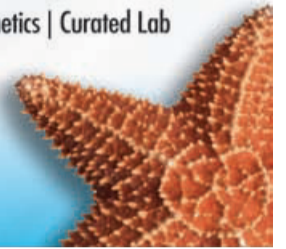
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## Turtle nesting time is here!

The Department of Nature and Environment (DNM) wishes to send out an alert to beach users and beachgoers to be cautious because the time when sea turtles come ashore to nest has begun.

In Aruba's territorial waters, there are four species of sea turtles. Their nesting season in our vicinity begins in March and lasts until December, although the timing varies depending on the species. All four species and their eggs are protected by local and international laws. The law prohibits disturbing or causing harm to these species. It is advisable to admire protected species from a respectable distance.

Organizations like TurtugAruba Foundation play a crucial role in monitoring sea turtles when they come ashore to nest and when they return to the sea. We applaud this organization and its volunteers for their dedicated efforts and love for these species.

The four species of sea turtles that come to nest in Aruba are: Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), and the critically endangered Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*). At the beginning of March, the Arikok National Park Foundation issued an announcement explaining and providing tips for keeping beaches in favorable conditions for sea turtles. DNM wishes to expand this list to address some concerns for this season.

**We therefore urge you to:**

- When snorkeling or diving, keep a respectful distance from sea turtles. Do not touch them or offer them food.
- Keep our beaches free of litter. If you brought something to the beach, take it back with you and leave nothing behind.
- If you dug a hole or built a sandcastle with your child, please fill in all holes and remove any created structures, leaving the beach as



you found it. Take a photo for your memories and think of other beach users and the sea turtles.

- Avoid using lights on or near the beach, as sea turtles are sensitive to artificial light, which can divert them from their purpose. Phone lights are also not appropriate. Please pay attention to all lights.

If you see signs of sea turtle disturbance or encounter a nesting sea turtle, maintain your distance and

call the TurtugAruba Foundation at +297 592 9393. Also, if you witness any behavior that violates the law or endangers protected species, contact the police.

Together, we can monitor and protect these species and contribute to the preservation of our environment for future generations. Let us all respect our fragile biodiversity. It's not just for today; it's for our future. □

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Last but not least: check out our website, Instagram and Facebook page! Thank you for supporting our free newspaper, we strive to make you a happy reader every day again. For today we received a lovely message from our

awesome visitor Don Alhart from the U.S.

He wrote to us saying: "Aruba to me is...my four-legged friends! I don't run or jog anymore, but I still enjoy a brisk morning walk past the Palm Beach resorts. While I often encounter stray dogs, two were suddenly by my side—one day this week—as I passed the Hyatt Hotel. 'This' time, however, they stayed near me all the way past the Embassy Suites. Other walkers and runners even joked about my



'newfound friends'!

Newfound friends are what Aruba means to me! Some live here. Others renew friendships each year as we share a common vacation week. Take time to walk. Say 'Good Morning'

to strangers—on two legs or four. We all share a 'moment in time' on One Happy Island!"

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □

## Episode CXI - 111 - The Old Normal

**NOORD — There has been great changes in recent years concerning the impact that colonization had on America, creating a greater awareness that the arrival of Europeans to the American continent unleashed an unprecedented destruction among native peoples. It is not a pleasant story to tell when everywhere we look we will find disasters.**

Although the consensus has been reached that the decline in the native population can be attributed to a large extent to the introduction of old world diseases in to the new world and which the native peoples were immunologically defenseless against. In recent days, we see the uncovering of new situations emerge, as the discontent in Canada for the discovery of mass graves of native children in the vicinity surrounding institutions that supposedly had to "Guide these in the Christian faith". Numerous diseases were brought to the Americas, including smallpox, bubonic plague, chickenpox, cholera, the common cold, diphtheria, influenza, malaria, measles, scarlet



fever, sexually transmitted diseases, typhus, strings of tuberculosis, and pertussis. Each of these brought destruction through sweeping epidemics, involving disability, illness, and extensive deaths. Potential Europeans carriers infected with diseases were not adequately quarantined, allowing the diseases to



spread into epidemics. The trade of Native American captives and the use of commercial trade routes contributed to the spread of disease.

They were also times of total violence or negotiated alliances and not of persuasion. The natives were baptized in the Christian faith, the Indian women being handed over to the Spanish and distributed among the conquerors. The ultimate goal was to show that resistance was impossible and that they were exposed to ruthless repression, but that better treatment could be received by siding with the victors. Essential was to break their spiritual faith and connection to mother earth. Prohibiting and considering all as pagan religious idolatry. However it

was so much their customs and languages that maintained the Indians spirit of resistance.

We can also think that perhaps a vague hope then spread among the Indians that by becoming Christians, like the Spaniards, they could improve their lot, which was to be mercilessly despised and exploited.

In Aruba our parents' generation where forbidden to speak Papiamentu during school hours, if caught any of the children speaking a single word a wooden rod directed energetically by the teacher would hit their hand palms to make them notice that they should not express themselves in your native language.

It was in 2003 that Papiamentu is official in Aruba

and since 2007 in Bonaire and Curacao. It has its own spelling since 1976. The oldest preserved text in Papiamentu is a letter from a Curacao Jew from 1775. There are authors who think that, at least the linguistic basis is older and there are various theories about its origin. What can be defined is that Papiamentu is a language that developed on its own by contact between speakers of various languages. To communicate with another, this language was used as a general language or "Lengua Franca".

It is not only about the subordination of the colonized culture to the colonizing culture but about the imposition of the colonizing thought so that there was no chance of think differently. Taking it out of the space where it has its own existence to place it in the space of the colonized where it exists if it renounces being what it is.

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## Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

### Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

### About the Anchor

Size  
It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

### Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

### How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba;

Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

### Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam

Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

### The Best Time to Visit

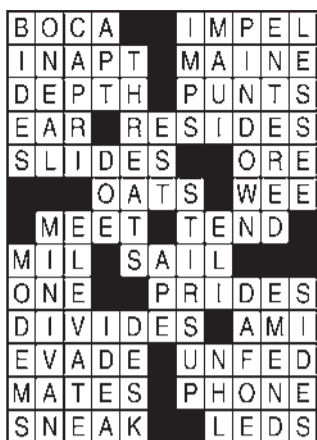
When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. □

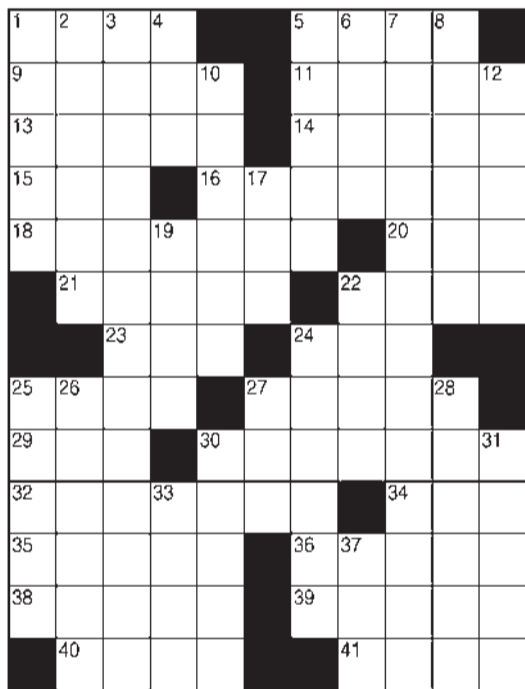
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BELIEVE IN LIFE! ALWAYS HUMAN BEINGS WILL PROGRESS TO GREAT, BROADER, AND FULLER LIFE.  
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**Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba**

**(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic—but important—information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.**

**Electrical power**

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

**Drinking water**

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink.

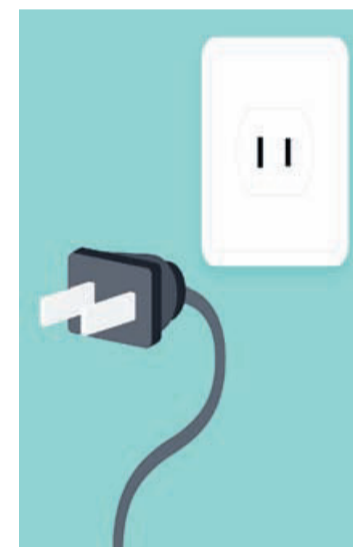
Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

**Supermarket hours**

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

**Safety**

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe. □



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# Millennial Money: 5 financial mistakes to avoid when you are self-employed



This May 18, 2021, photo shows a woman typing on a laptop on a train in New Jersey. Associated Press

By **ELIZABETH AYOOLA** of **NerdWallet**

When you become self-employed, you join millions of other business owners hoping to materialize their dreams. However, navigating the murky waters of self-employment can be challenging, especially during the early stages. While there are no guarantees in business, there are some strategies that could increase your chances of success, especially financially. Here are a few mistakes to avoid as a self-employed person.

## 1. NOT DELEGATING OR PRIORITIZING

Self-employed people often act as their own stunt doubles in their business during the incipient stages because of budget constraints. However, trying to do it all on your own may be a mistake, says Ronne Brown, owner of Girl CEO and Herlistic in Wash-

ington, D.C. "We have to understand that we go fast by ourselves, but we go far as a team," she says. For people who feel they can't afford to delegate, Brown says to keep your expenses low until you can afford to do so. If you do decide to delegate, it's key to spend your dollars in ways that help your business grow. To do this, people should consider focusing on the business operations and systems versus just aesthetics, Brown says. Doing this effectively often requires prioritization.

"In the beginning, people are always focused on the look. But that's not what truly creates the income in business," she says. Brown suggests prioritizing bookkeepers and accountants, building automations or hiring someone to generate leads. Also, keep in mind that you can usually deduct the cost of contracted labor from your business taxes.

## 2. NOT SAVING FOR RETIREMENT

Saving for retirement as an entrepreneur can easily fall to the bottom of your priority list. This is a common mis-

take self-employed people make, says Preston Cherry, a certified financial planner in Green Bay, Wisconsin. While it can be smart to reinvest income you generate into your business, it may be equally important to build an emergency fund with three to six months' worth of expenses and invest in your retirement savings.

Cherry says self-employed people have multiple retirement savings accounts to choose from, including an IRA or a solo 401(k).

"Not only are you as a business owner saving for your retirement, you are also getting to deduct the contributions (for) tax planning as well," Cherry says.

Contributions made to traditional solo 401(k)s and traditional SIMPLE IRAs can provide tax advantages like lowering your taxable income and enabling your investments to grow tax-deferred. □



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# In 'Frida' documentary, artist Frida Kahlo's own words are used to tell her story

By **LINDSEY BAHR**  
AP Film Writer

Frida Kahlo used her own experiences to inform her art. In that spirit, Kahlo's personal writings are used to help tell the story of her life in a new documentary, "Frida."

Filmmaker Carla Gutiérrez blends first person narration with archival footage and interpretive animation of Kahlo's work in the film, which is now streaming on Prime Video.

Gutiérrez, who was born in Peru and moved to the United States when she was a teenager, remembers first really connecting with Kahlo's paintings in college.

"I was a new immigrant and there was one specific painting that really introduced me to her voice as an artist of her in between the border of the United States and Mexico," Gutiérrez said in an interview with The Associated Press earlier this year. "I just saw my experience at the time really reflected in the painting. Then she just kind of be-



This image released by Amazon Prime shows artist Frida Kahlo from the documentary "Frida." Associated Press

came part of my life." Gutiérrez was an editor by trade and content with that path in filmmaking. She was working on meaningful projects like "RBG" and "Julia," which allowed her to be intimately involved creatively. But when a director friend whispered Kah-

lo's name to her, she went back and re-read one of those books she'd read in college. Within hours she was making plans to direct. "I feel like this story really just kind of told me that I needed to step up and direct this one," she said. "I realized she could tell a

lot of her own story and I felt like that hadn't been made yet. Hopefully it's a new way of getting into her world and in her mind and her heart and really understanding the art in a more intimate, raw way." Kahlo did not do many interviews herself over the

years, Gutiérrez said, but she did write very intimate and personal letters. She was surprised by her sense of humor, her sarcasm and her irony as well as and "how explicit she was about her opinions."

"It's kind of like messy confidence and messy feminism in a way," she said.

The filmmaking team had to search several different museums to find those letters that they would compile into a full picture, including the Frida Kahlo Museum in Mexico City, the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington D.C. (where her correspondence with her mother was housed) and the Philatelic Museum of Oaxaca, where they found her letters to her doctor about everything from her complex marriage to her miscarriage. One of the biggest creative decisions was to animate Kahlo's art throughout, which has proved a bit divisive since the film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year. □

# Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, returns to Instagram to tease new food, cookbook, cutlery brand

**MONTECITO, Calif. (AP) —** Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, has returned to Instagram to tease a new brand that records show could feature jams, household items, cookbooks and cutlery. The former actor left Instagram when she got engaged to Prince Harry, and as recently as last week, spoke about the dangers of social media. On Thursday, a new account called American Riviera Orchard appeared on Instagram, saying it was created by Meghan. The unverified account included photos of a logo and link to a website to join a waitlist to learn more details.

Documents filed in February with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office registered the American Riviera Orchard name and sought trademark protection for a variety of goods

and services. Those include textiles, cutlery, "jellies, jams; marmalades" and assorted food spreads. It also said the brand might feature "coffee services in the nature of tableware;

tea services in the nature of tableware; servingware for serving food and drinks; decanters" and other beverage wear.

The filing also said cookbooks and a retail space

should be covered by the application.

A message to a representative of the duchess was not immediately returned. The trademark was filed under a company called Mama Knows Best, which Delaware records show was registered in January. During a panel at the South by Southwest festival last week, Meghan spoke at a panel alongside Katie Couric and Brooke Shields and talked about the negative impact social media had on young mothers, including herself. She said she experienced online "bullying and abuse" when pregnant with her two children, as well as after they were born. "I keep my distance from it right now just for my own well-being," she said. "You really wrap your head around why people would be so hateful. It's not catty.

It's cruel."

Before marrying Prince Harry, Meghan starred on the series "Suits" and operated a popular blog, The Tig. She shuttered it after her engagement, though she and Harry shared an Instagram account when they were still senior working royals.

Meghan and Harry live in Montecito, California, a coastal community near Santa Barbara that is home to numerous celebrities. The Instagram post announcing American Riviera Orchard includes a reference to Montecito.

The couple left official royal duties in January 2020, giving up their titles of "your highness" and stopped receiving public funds. Meghan did a podcast for Spotify and Harry released a successful memoir in the years since then. □



Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex takes part in the keynote "Breaking Barriers, Shaping Narratives: How Women Lead On and Off the Screen" on the first day of the South by Southwest Conference on Friday, March 8, 2024, in Austin, Texas.

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## Majority of U.S. adults are against college athletes joining unions, according to AP-NORC survey

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As Dartmouth men's basketball players move toward forming the first labor union in college sports, a majority of Americans say they are against college athletes unionizing though younger respondents are more supportive.

A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that most adults, 55%, believe NCAA athletes should not be permitted to form unions that would allow them as employees to collectively bargain with their schools.

But younger Americans, Democrats and Independents are more open to unionization. About 6 in 10 adults under the age of 45 support allowing college athletes to form unions. That drops to 36% among those between the ages of 45-59 and 23% of adults ages 60 and older.

Across party lines, 56% of Democrats and about half of Independents say athletes should be permitted to form unions. Only 23% of Republicans are supportive.

In a recent interview with Fox News, Republican Sen. Tommy Tuberville of Alabama, a former major college football coach and a harsh critic of unions in general, said athletes unionizing would "absolutely kill college sports."

"You know, the last time I looked, they're not employees.

These students are student-athletes. And if you want the federal government involved and ruin something, you try to make the student-athletes employees," said Tuberville, who has sponsored a college sports bill that would block employee status.

NCAA President Charlie Baker and other college sports leaders have been lobbying Congress for several years, asking for a federal law to regulate the way athletes can be com-



In this March 18, 2015, file photo, the NCAA logo is displayed at center court at The Consol Energy Center in Pittsburgh.

pensated for use of their names, images and likenesses.

Tuberville and Democrat Joe Manchin of West Virginia have sponsored one of several bills addressing NIL and other college sports reforms that have been put forth in both the House and Senate over the past four years. None have gotten any traction, with lawmakers focused on more pressing matters.

More recently, the emphasis from college sports leaders has shifted to NCAA antitrust protections that would prevent athletes from being deemed employees, thanks to looming lawsuits.

Baker and others contend the vast majority of the 1,100 NCAA member schools could not afford to treat their athletes as employees and would sponsor fewer teams if athletes were categorized this way. According to the AP-NORC poll, 55% of non-white adults support college athletes being permitted to form unions.

Only 34% of white adults say that unions should be permitted for college athletes.

"This country is not based on unions, but when unions

got started, it secured everybody's position in whatever their profession was, so to speak, especially the blue collars," said 62-year-old Eric McWilliams, a Black man from Pennsylvania who's been a part of a union and participated in the poll.

"These college athletes aren't making millions of dollars like the pros are. They have nothing really to fall back on. If they get injured, it's over."

Last month, a regional director of the National Labor Relations Board ruled Dartmouth's men's basketball players qualified for employee status, paving the way for team members to vote if they wanted to join a union.

On March 5, the players voted 13-2 to join Service Employees International Union Local 560, which already represents some Dartmouth workers. The school has asked for a review essentially appealing the regional director's initial ruling which could result in a lengthy process to determine if Dartmouth will ever be required to negotiate with the players.

Still, it was a significant milestone for those who have been advocating for some

if not all college athletes to be recognized as employees and receive a greater share of the revenue that college football and basketball generate for schools and conferences that compete at the highest levels.

The media and marketing rights for the NCAA men's Division I basketball tournament, which begins next week, generated \$945 million in revenue for the association and its member schools last year.

"Now it's time for the colleges to stop wasting their time and money fighting athletes in court and lobbying Congress to roll back athletes' rights, and instead start negotiating with athletes on revenue-sharing, health and safety protections, and more," Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) said.

The survey found 53% of U.S. adults say colleges and universities with major athletic programs should provide athletes with a share of any revenue received from broadcast rights. However, less than half support giving athletes additional spending money, a salary or exemptions from certain academic courses that they need to graduate.

"I think that really the credit

towards progress has always gone to athletes," said Ramogi Huma, the executive director of the advocacy group the National College Players Association, which has pushed for college athletes in revenue-generating programs to be deemed employees. "This is brick by brick by brick."

Huma helped organize a labor movement among Northwestern football players in 2015 that started similarly to the one at Dartmouth, with a regional NLRB director ruling the players could vote to join a union. The initial ruling was eventually dismissed.

In the Dartmouth case, the players appeared to be acting on their own, though college sports leaders, including Baker, have said repeatedly the majority of athletes they interact with do not want to be employees of their schools.

Isaac Vance is a former college football at Kent State who served on the NCAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for three years before ending his college career this past season.

Vance told AP recently that he fears a more professionalized model of college athletics that includes employee status, labor unions and collective bargaining would end up hurting college athletes.

"It just gets rid of the scholastic model that so many great experiences have been built off of and then it turns into a semi-pro league, and truthfully at that point, it really becomes especially in football, basketball pay-for-play and also becomes a business," Vance said. □



## JNFL teams scramble to catch K.C. as free agency begins -- but the Chiefs aren't standing still

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Calvin Ridley is heading to the Tennessee Titans, the highlight of the official start of free agency Wednesday when teams began reshaping their rosters in a quest to unseat the two-time defending champion Kansas City Chiefs.

Ridley, who had been expected to re-sign with the Jaguars and the Titans agreed on a four-year, \$92 million contract with \$50 million guaranteed, a person with knowledge of the terms told The Associated Press.

Ridley gives young Titans quarterback Will Levis another playmaker. He started all 17 games for the Jaguars last season and finished with 76 receptions for 1,016 yards and eight touchdowns. Ridley, however, hasn't always been so reliable. He missed most of the previous two years because of a broken foot, a mental health break and a yearlong gambling suspension.

The Titans also added a veteran quarterback, agreeing with Mason Rudolph on a one-year contract, another person familiar with the decision told the AP.

Also Wednesday, the Washington Commanders continued rebuilding their defense by luring six-time Pro Bowl linebacker Bobby Wagner from Seattle, and Joe Flacco is headed to the Colts to help mentor Anthony Richardson on a one-year deal after helping the Browns reach the playoffs and winning the AP Comeback Player of the Year award.

Many of the top available free agents including quarterback Kirk Cousins and running backs Saquon



**Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Calvin Ridley (0) catches a pass in front of Tennessee Titans cornerback Sean Murphy-Bunting (0) during their NFL football game Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, in Nashville, Tenn.**

Barkley and Derrick Henry agreed to deals during the two-day negotiating period leading up to the start of the league's new year.

Their deals set in motion a major reshuffling of backfields in 2024 with a dozen seasoned QBs and more than a dozen veteran running backs switching teams. And the Houston Texans continued their remarkably rapid rise from cellar to stellar by luring perennial Pro Bowl edge rusher Danielle Hunter from the Vikings to play opposite AP Defensive Rookie of the Year Will Anderson on Houston's defensive line. Hunter had a career-best 16 1/2 sacks last year. His deal is a \$49 million, two-year contract with all but \$1 million guaranteed, a person with knowledge of the deal told the AP.

The Texans went from worst to first in winning the AFC South last season, advancing to the divisional round

of the playoffs under first-year coach DeMeco Ryans and rookie quarterback C.J. Stroud.

After losing the AFC championship at home to the Chiefs, Baltimore made a splash in free agency by luring Henry away from the Titans. The two-time NFL rushing champ joins a Baltimore team that annually produces one of the league's leading ground games, and he'll partner with MVP quarterback Lamar Jackson.

Henry will be running behind a reworked Baltimore offensive line. The Ravens agreed to trade tackle Morgan Moses and a fourth-round draft pick to the Jets on Wednesday for New York's pick earlier in the fourth round and a sixth-round selection. Baltimore had already lost guard John Simpson to the Jets in free agency.

How much have the Ravens, Texans and others

really closed the gap with the Chiefs, who have won three titles in the six seasons Patrick Mahomes has been their starter?

The champs didn't stand pat during the free-agency frenzy this week as general manager Brett Veach once again bucked the time-honored trend of champions losing core veterans to other teams. Veach kept All-Pro defensive tackle Chris Jones from leaving Kansas City with a five-year, \$158.75 million contract. The deal was structured so that it only cost \$7.35 million against the cap this year. Chiefs backup linebacker Drue Tranquill also signed a three-year, \$19 million deal to return before Wednesday's official start to free agency, and defensive tackle Mike Pennel returned to the Chiefs on a one-year deal after playing well in their Super Bowl win over the 49ers.

Also, Mahomes agreed to

restructure his contract to free up salary cap space. The additional flexibility could mean that cornerback L'Jarius Sneed remains in Kansas City. The Chiefs used the franchise tag on him, which would equate to a one-year, \$19.8 million deal, but many expected them to ultimately trade Sneed for draft compensation and cap relief. Now, the Chiefs could keep him at the tag number or use their newfound wiggle room to sign him to a long-term deal.

"There isn't much of a recruiting pitch that needs to be made with Kansas City," Tranquill said Wednesday. "You have incredible leadership, top to bottom. You have a culture that's a winning culture, that is not about egos or self or guys getting paid; we all want our guys to get paid, but everything at the Chiefs and in our organization is about winning, and it's about hoisting the Lombardi Trophy at the end of the season."

Wagner, who turns 34 this summer, led the NFL with 183 tackles last season. He becomes the centerpiece of the Commanders' defense under Dan Quinn and is another player the new coach is plenty familiar with. Wagner played two seasons for Quinn with the Seattle Seahawks in 2013 and '14, winning a Super Bowl together in the process.

"Seattle, we've done this before," Wagner posted on social media, referencing leaving the Seahawks in 2022 for one season with the Los Angeles Rams before returning in 2023. "You know what it is. It's always love. Until we meet again. I'm around." □

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